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1. On 6 October 1953, the occupation in the Artillery Barracks at the Kummersdorf artillery range was still estimated at about 3,500 soldiers. This estimate was confirmed by a reliable informant. From 15 September to 6 October 1953, about 300 to 400 soldiers, who wore black-bordered red epaulets and carried light infantry weapons, frequently practiced in the area west of the railroad line from the Kummersdorf artillery range to Sperenberg. The men, who were young recruits, practiced attacks, including rushing the enemy in trenches and firing at dummy parachutists. From mid-September to early October 1953, practices with searchlights were held in the western section of the area almost every night. Driving schools of about 25 to 40 trucks each daily practiced in the training area.¹ On 11 and 12 September 1953, about 250 soldiers set up bombing targets in Jagen (forest sectors) 105/106.² Motor vehicles observed at the Artillery Barracks

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2. On 4 October 1953, source saw that 20 Model N decimeter stations, six 37-mm AA guns, nine 76-mm AA guns and ten trucks were ready for departure at the Railway Engineers Barracks.
3. The signal troops seemed to have left the Railway Engineers Barracks since no signal equipment was observed in the barracks installation after 14 September 1953. The radio station on Hill 80 and the radio station at the exit of the town of Fern-Neuendorf disappeared at the same time. 3 In the early morning hours on 3 October 1953, the engineer unit in the Schumke Kaserne, which had at least battalion size, left toward Zossen. No activities have since been observed in the barracks installation, which seemed to be occupied by only a rear group. After 21 October 1953, driving schools no longer practiced in the area around the Schumke Kaserne. The courses seemed to have been terminated. On 28 September 1953, 25 tank trucks with trailers which proceeded to the south were observed at the

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Schumke Kaserne. [REDACTED]

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After one and a half hour, they returned to the Schumke Kaserne. Source believed that the vehicles, which carried loads as they returned had travelled via Alexanderdorf toward Kummersdorf and back. [REDACTED]

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5. Source inferred from the traffic he observed between the AAA emplacements in the Wuensdorf area and the Railway Engineers Barracks in Rehagen from 17 September to 4 October 1953 that these units came from the barracks installation. The signal squads which maintained communication between the individual AAA emplacements also came from this barracks. On 17 September 1953, four canvas-covered 85-mm AA guns, two canvas-covered 37-mm AA guns, and signal trucks [REDACTED] were at the barracks installation. On 4 October 1953, about 100 soldiers were at gymnastics in the athletic field of the Railway Engineers Barracks.

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6. On 6 October 1953, about 50 tank trucks and 4 motor boats were stored in the yard of the Schumke Kaserne. From 250 to 300 men, who came from this barracks installation, were at a cross-country run around the Schumke Lake on the same day. Trucks [REDACTED]

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7. On 25 September 1953, a Soviet troop train of more than 40 cars, which carried tanks and canvas-covered vehicles, passed through the Kummersdorf railroad station and proceeded toward Spereberg.

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8. On 24 and 25 September 1953, a major column of tank trucks left the Schumke Kaserne. After about one hour, the trucks which had obtained fuel returned to the barracks installation from the direction of Kummersdorf. The vehicles included [REDACTED]
- In late September 1953, the Schumke Kaserne seemed to quarter only a limited number of soldiers. Only little activity was observed. [REDACTED]

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9. In late September 1953, soldiers constructed poles 2.5-meter-high and wire fences around all AAA emplacements. Emplacements No 3, 4 and 6 of the AAA unit from Wuensdorf were surrounded with wire fences by 3 October 1953. After late September 1953, about 15 other tents were observed near emplacement No 3. [REDACTED]

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10. On 5 October 1953, the Schumke Kaserne and the camp on the Hege Lake were occupied by a total of about 1,200 soldiers, who wore black epaulets and included some with red-bordered black epaulets. On 1 October 1953, 22 tank trucks with trailers including vehicles [REDACTED] entered the Schumke Kaserne. Source learned that this unit was not previously stationed at the barracks installation. [REDACTED]

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25X1A 2. [] Comment. A previous report mentioned the air force target area and construction activity at the Kummersdorf artillery range. []

25X1A 3. [] Comment. The present report confirms the elements of the 2d Gds AAA Div in the Railway Engineers Barracks. For the AAA emplacement numbers, see [].

25X1A 4. [] Comment. In late September, only elements of the 35th Engr Regt (US) / Third Gds Mecz Army were assumed in the barracks installation on the Schumke Lake as bridges were still being built in the Dessau-Apollensdorf area on 29 September and no trains had hitherto been observed returning to Kummersdorf. []

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25X1A [] Several previous reports mentioned the tank trucks in the barracks installation. However, it has not yet been established that the truck unit is permanently stationed at the installation. The fuel which is regularly supplied by this unit seems to come from the fuel depot of the Third Gds Mecz Army which is at the west end of the Tank Barracks (Motor Transport Point) at the Kummersdorf artillery range. The purpose and the whereabouts of the fuels supplied are still unidentified as no information on outgoing shipments from this depot or the installing of another fuel depot in the barracks installation on the Schumke Lake has been received from railway agencies. Source of [] who had already mentioned the installing of a new depot area between the Hege Lake and the barracks installation at the Schumke Lake, furnished the enclosed sketch as a supplement. See Annex. The purpose of the depot is still undetermined. Neither the abovementioned previous report nor the Annex indicated a fuel depot. See []

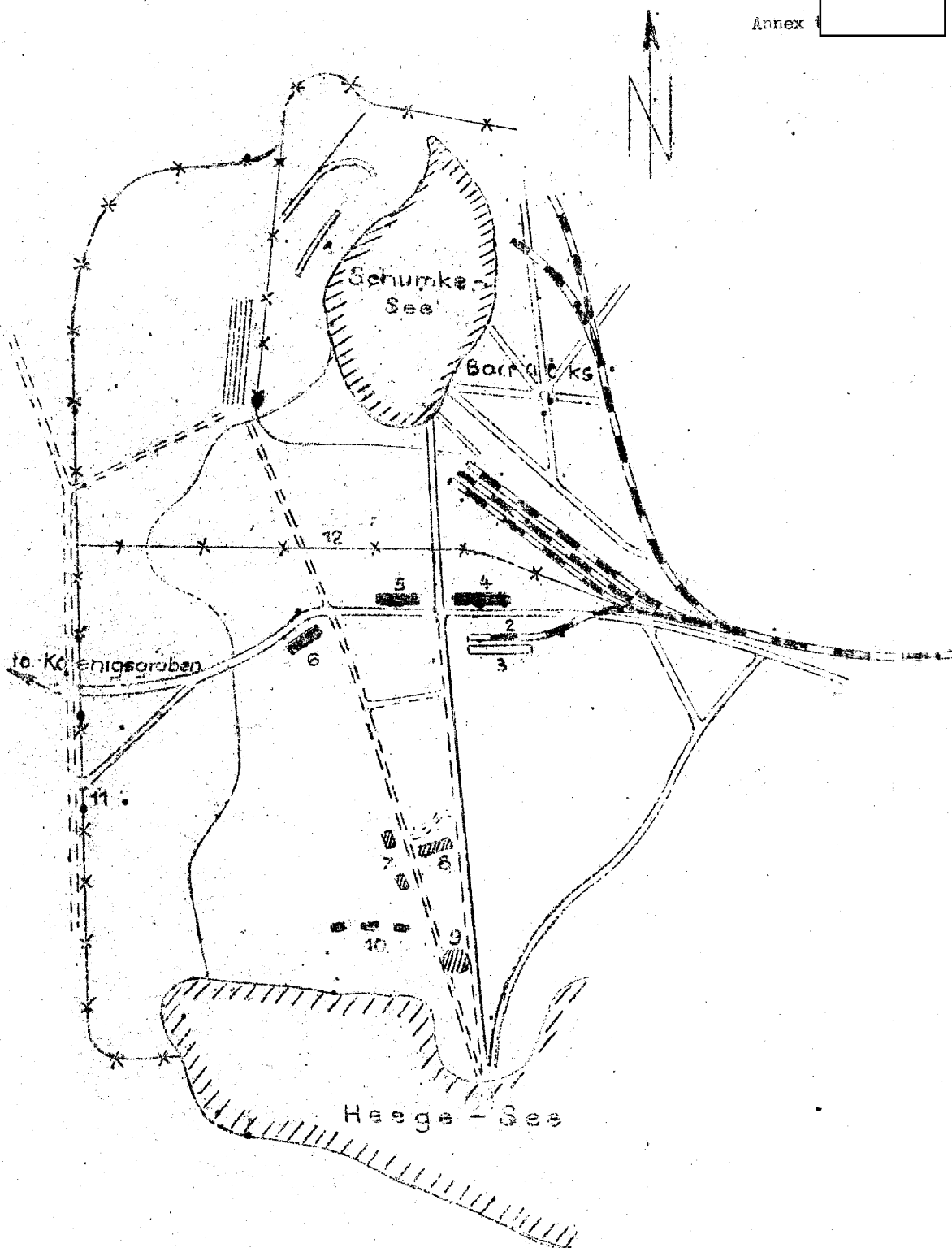
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Legend:

- 1 Ammunition dump
- 2 New spur track
- 3 New emergency loading ramp
- 4 Large hall with large doors, presumably garage or gun shed
- 5 Ranger's residence, now troop quarters
- 6 Reconditioned hall
- 7 Damaged equipment halls
- 8 Damaged equipment halls
- 9 Former officers' club, damaged
- 10 Former residences for German officials, now troop quarters
- 11 Exit to the training area
- 12 Fence separating the individual installations

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